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Dear Parents/Carers

On Monday we welcomed Richard Partington the economics correspondent from The Guardian newspaper, together with 2 of his colleagues, to the academy. This followed their visit to the David Nieper factory to discuss British manufacturing. A group of Year 9 pupils met with our visitors to explore the world of journalism and career opportunities in the media. Pupils had the chance to hear what it was like working within a busy newsroom and also had the chance to sharpen their own journalist skills by asking searching questions.

It was a wonderful experience for our pupils and thank you to our visitors for taking the time to visit our academy.



Open Evening

It was lovely to welcome lots of new families into the building on Wednesday evening to have a look around our academy and visit our subject displays and activities within each of our faculties. Thank you to all pupils who were happy to stay after school to be helpers – they did a great job and enjoyed supporting the event.

GCSE & A level Exams

Well done to all of our Year 11 and Sixth Form students who have finished their exams. They can now relax and enjoy the summer holidays before commencing post-16 studies, apprenticeships, university studies and jobs as they move onto the next stage of their education and careers. We look forward to seeing our students on results day in August and welcoming our new Year 12 students as they start in our Sixth form.

Year 10 & Year 12 mock exams

Our Year 10 & 12 students have completed their mock exams this week. It has been lovely to see the strong study habits and excellent way all students have approached these first mocks exams. Mocks are an excellent way to experience the exam hall, the routines and expectations of the external examinations. Well done.

INSET Day – Monday 27 June

Monday will be our final INSET day of this academic year. The academy will be closed to all pupils. Pupils return on Tuesday 28 June.

Enterprise Week – 11 to 15 July

Our Enterprise Week is fast approaching, and we are busy finalising the arrangements for all of the activities and trips which will take place during the week. Year group letters have been emailed home which provide details. Please do return any consent forms and pay any monies requested as soon as possible. It will be an amazing week. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the named member of staff on the individual letter for your child.

Changes to the School Day – From Tuesday 28 June 2022

We are moving back to a single day so that we can offer greater options of eating times which the pupils have requested, and also to allow for a greater number of clubs and extra-curricula activities to run at lunchtime. In addition, we are also going to restart our breakfast service so that pupils can arrive from 7.50am – 8.20am and purchase items to eat for breakfast. The breakfast menus will include toast, fresh fruit, bacon rolls and pastries, please see attached menu. ***Please note that Free School Meal allowance cannot be used for breakfast items.***

From Tuesday 28 June we will be moving to the current Key Stage 4 timetable and will be including a brunch/ early lunch service at 11.20am. This will allow pupils to buy and eat paninis and other hot snacks if they would prefer an early lunch. Hot meals, sandwiches and other cold snacks will be available at 1.25pm. Free School Meal allowance can be used at either brunch or lunch. To ensure that all pupils are aware of the hot lunch choices each day, the daily menus will be displayed on the TV screens and on the notice boards around the academy. Pupils will continue to be able to pre-order sandwiches for lunchtime via our current "Grab & Go" paper ordering system each morning removing the need to queue.

We will use these few weeks leading up to the summer holiday to trial the single day. We are embedding the changed lesson times for Year 7 & 8 and ensuring that everyone is happy with the choices to eat at **either** brunch **or** lunch.

We do hope that pupils will enjoy the greater flexibility of eating times and that this will allow our queuing system to run effectively. We are also looking forward to a number of additional lunchtime clubs starting in September to work alongside the timings of the school day.

These changes do not impact on our start time of 8.35am or our finish time of 3.30pm Monday to Thursday and 2.50pm finish on a Friday. See details below for the timings of the day.

TIMES OF THE SCHOOL DAY – 27 June to 22 July 2022

	Monday-Thursday		Friday
08:35-08:50	Registration		08:35-08:50 Registration
08:50-09:40	Period 1		08:50-09:40 Period 1
09:40-10:30	Period 2		09:40-10:30 Period 2
10:30-11:20	Period 3		10:30-11:20 Period 3
11:20-11:45	Brunch		11:20-11:45 Brunch
11:45-12:35	Period 4		11:45-12:35 Period 4
12:35-13:25	Period 5		12:35-13:25 Period 5
13:25-14:05	Lunch		13:25-14:00 Lunch
14:05-14:55	Period 6		14:00-14:50 Period 6
14:55-15:30	Tutor Time		Early Finish

Uniform / Shop

For our new Year 7 pupils who will join us in September, we have arranged for our uniform provider Schoolwear Solutions to be open between 4.30-7pm on both 26 July and 3 August, so items of uniform can be purchased ready for the start of the new academic year. The shop will also be open on 21 August between 10am-4pm, for all other year groups. All events are being held at the Schoolwear shop in Mansfield and booking is required.

Please visit their website to book your place <https://www.schoolwearsolutions.com/>

Full details of our uniform can be found on our website

<https://davidnieper.academy/parents/>

School Ties - A reminder that all pupils should be wearing a tie of their house colour. This is an integral part of our uniform and our house system. New ties can be purchased at a cost of £6.99 from the Main Office. From Tuesday 28 June this will be on all ParentPay accounts to use as and when you require a new tie. Alternatively, cash can be sent to the Main Office.

If pupils come to school without their tie, they will need to borrow a plain blue one from the Main Office. From Tuesday 28 June, pupils will be asked to hand in an item such as their mobile phone or similar as a deposit. This will be kept safely in the Main Office and returned to them at the end of the day when they return the tie.

Water Bottles

It is important that pupils keep hydrated during the day, especially during the warm weather. Please encourage pupils to bring water bottles with them into the academy; these can be re-filled from the water fountains located around the building.

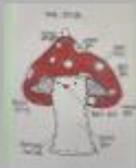
Grease – The Musical

We now have a limited amount of tickets still available for this year's academy performance of 'Grease the musical' (Adults £5 / pupils £3) – tickets will not be available to purchase on the door. The performances take place on the evenings of Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 June, at 6pm. We are very much looking forward to seeing you there.

Creative Arts and D&T Exhibition – Wednesday 6 July

On the evening of Wednesday 6 July, 5-7pm, you are invited to attend our Creative Arts and D&T Exhibition. The evening is a fantastic showcase of items pupils have made during their subject lessons of Art and D&T. We do hope that you can visit the exhibition and look forward to seeing you on the evening.

A showcase of Yr7-11 work from Art, D+T, Dance, Textiles, Enterprise and Food



Creative Arts and D&T Exhibition



WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY 2022

5-7PM | DAVID NIEPER ACADEMY



Enrichment Update

Please do keep checking our website for the latest enrichment opportunities which is updated weekly and can be found by clicking here [Enrichment Opportunities](#)

Upcoming Trips and Events

Monday 20 to Friday 24 June	Year 10 & 12 Mock Examinations
Tuesday 28 & Wednesday 29 June	Grease the Musical
Friday 1 July	Year 11 Leavers' assembly 9am
Friday 1 July	Year 11 Leavers' Prom
Monday 11 to Friday 15 July	Enterprise Week
Monday 18 July	Tutor Review Evening Year 7-10 & 12
Tuesday 19 July	Sports Day
Wednesday 20 July	Prize Giving

Academic Year 2021/2022

Monday 27 June	INSET – academy closed
Friday 22 July	Last day of term

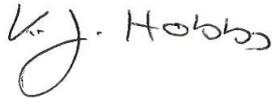
Academic Year 2022/2023

Thursday 1 & Friday 2 September	INSET – academy closed to all pupils
Monday 5 September	All pupils return for the new academic year

If we can help or support in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Please email info@davidnieper.academy and a member of staff will be in touch.

Enjoy the weekend.

Yours faithfully



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